## "The South 40"

by JAMES A SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

The 1969 red clover seed crop is the smallest since 1944. Only a quarter of a million pounds was harvested.

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"Electro Ag '70" is one of the events farm operators will want to attend this winter. It's to be held at the Richmond Arena January 21-22.

Someone asked why have an "Electro Ag '70". The reason is primarily because of the critical farm labor situation. Most people are predicting that labor problems will intensify in the years ahead.

In 1968, the number of workers on Virginia farms was about 32 per cent below the average for the years 1960-64.

Farm wages are expected to continue their upward trend. Farmers will continue to be faced with critical management decisions in the future. Farm managers need to select equipment and materials handling systems for the most efficient farm production.

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On December 2 and 3 there's to be a Beef Cattlemen's Decision Making Workshop on the VPI Campus.

This program is for a select group of cattlemen -- 35 to 50 producers. The cost will be your lodging and food.

If you're interested in attending this event we have programs and registration forms in this office.

Participants will be taken on a first come basis.

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There's a number of cattlemen that should consider a no-tillage method of producing corn.

There's still time to plant rye for sod planting corn next spring.

Some basic questions have been asked about the no-tillage system. We have six years research which should be adequate.

1. Is it going to be necessary to plow periodically?

2. Are there any peculiarities in lime and fertilizer use associated with this method.

To question 1, the results of six-years study show less yield with either the conventional or alternate tillage systems than the no - till. Alternate tillage consisted of conventional tillage one year, no-tillage the next.

The answer to question 2, regarding phosphorus shows that the availability of this element increased quite rapidly when the no - tillage method was used, while the method of tillage had no effect on potash.

As to lime, the research would indicate that lime should be used more often but in smaller amounts where no-tillage is practiced.

There is the possibility that in the long run (15 to 25 years) it may become necessary to plow.

Let me illustrate. Suppose that under this system of applying lime to the surface an acid layer forms below the 4 inch depth which would inhibit root growth into the soil profile. This action would reduce moisture and nutrient uptake at deeper levels. If this were to happen it would be necessary to use deep plowing, 10 to 12 inches to mix lime with this deep layer.

A farmer can easily determine if this is happening by taking a soil sample from the top 4 inches and another sample at an 8 to 10 inch depth.

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## 4-Leaf Spells "Luck"

Most people consider it good fortune to spot a four-leaf clover. But those who find a four-leaf clover with an "IV" on each leaf are even more fortunate.

The well-known symbol of 4-H has served one out of every five adults in the United States. These 27 million alumni and some 3.5 million 4-H boys and girls currently enrolled, provide strong evidence to back the 4-H program. Here in Appomattox, 900 boys and girls have discovered the lucky 4-H clover.

With these young people, 4-H is a way of life. For boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19, 4-H offers opportunities to develop wholesome character and leadership. The learn to work together and share responsibility. 4-H'ers explore career opportunities while gaining knowledge and skills that be useful throughout life. But perhaps most important of all, 4-H members grow stronger together, learning to be responsible citizens and competent leaders.

## County Offices To Have Census Information

Information about the 1969 Census of Agriculture is expected to be available in all county ASCS offices by December 1, according to J. P. Alvis, Jr., Chairman, Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Chairman Alvis said in late November the Bureau of Census in Washington will send to all county ASCS offices an information packet containing a reference handbook, an introductory letter and a sample questionnaire. Information in the packet will help county office employees answer questions from farmers about the 1969 Agricultural Census.

The Chairman said farmers will receive the 1969 Agricultural Census questionnaire by mail on or about January 1, 1970. The questionnaire should be filled out and mailed back to the Census Bureau not later than February 15.

Chairman Alvis said farmer cooperation in this census is very important becuase decisions that will lead to improved farm programs must be based on reliable facts and those facts can only be obtained through a nationwide census of all farms and ranches.

He said ASCS is one of the key agencies in the U. S. Department of Agriculture through which information on the 1969 Census of Agriculture will be handled.

## 4-H'ers Win Ribbons & Cash

These young 4-H'ers have made some accomplishments we would like you to know about.

They are: Front row of boys, left to right, Herbert Fleshman, Wayland Ferguson, James Watkins, Jr., Dave Walker, 2nd row girls, left to right, Loretta Walker, Brenda Duiguid,

Herbert, with his demonstration on Dog Care and Training won a blue ribbon at the District Contest at Longwood College and a Scholarship to the VPI 4-H Club Congress. At VPI he won a 2nd place red ribbon, Wayland, James, and Dave showed and sold 21 market hogs at the Junior Hog Show and Sale for $29.00 prize money and the total receipts from their sales was $1650.00.

Brneda Duiguid participated in the "Make-It - With - Wool Contest" and placed first with her garments over other 4-H members from 20 other counties; she will receive an expense paid trip to Staunton, where she will compete for State honors. Brenda also placed in a foods demonstration at Longwood College on the District level.

Loretta Walker has participated in sewing and dress making competition on the District level with ribbons for her efforts. She was selected to attend Conservation Camp at Virginia Beach as an outstanding 4-H member. Loretta also served as Junior Leaders at 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake for Appomattox, Amherst, and Nottoway counties.

## Pamplin S.C.A.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Carla Varner. Hal Smith read the devotions. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Pam Williams, for approval. The treasury report was given by Hal Smith. The standing committee's report was given by the vice president Gary Goin.

The teachers and treasurer discussed using the money in the treasury for some school need.

After the meeting was adjourned, the class representives and the S. C. A. officers met to discuss the school dues.

Grace Ranson, Reporter

## Appo Elementary Cafeteria Menu

Mon., Oct. 27 – Hot dog, cole slaw, pinto beans, cookies, milk.

Tues., Oct. 28 – Barbecue on bun, lettuce and tomato salad, candied sweet potatoes, fruit cobbler, milk.

Wed., Oct. 29 – Bologna sandwich with mustard or mayonnaise, whipped potatoes, gravey, string beans, apricots, milk.

Thurs., Oct. 30 – Vegetable beef soup or tomato soup, crackers, toastes cheese or peanut butter sandwich, cookie, ice cream, milk.

Fri., Oct. 31 – Sausage with hot biscuits, bakedapples, mixed greens, potato chips, jello, milk.

## Mrs. Waddell's 4-H

Mrs. Waddell's 4-H meeting was held on October 7, 1969. First we had the pledges to the flag. Debra Fleshman acting as President opened our meeting. We elected officers. They were: President -- Nora Pugh; vice president -- Jimmy Morgan; Secretary -- William Lipford; Reporter -- Roger Ragland and Song Leaders -- Hettie Ayres and Greg Gilpin. Twenty-six of our members were present. The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Roger Ragland, Reporter

## Mrs. Alvis' 4-H

Mrs. Alvis's 4th and 5th grade 4-H Club met on October 10, 1969 at Oakville School. We elected officers which are: President, Lewis Martin, vice president, Stanley Gunter; Secretary, Kathy Gunter; Reporter, Ralph Stanley; Song Leaders, Debbie Gunter, Anthony Johnson.

Miss Mayton talked to us about "What Is 4-H?"

Ralph Stanley, Reporter

## Mr. King's 4-H

Mr. King's 6th and 7th grades met for 4-H October 10, 1969. The following officers were elected: President, Barney Ranson; vice president, Vic Banton; secretary, Brenda Johnson; reporter, Benny Drinkard, and song leaders, Terry Bayes and Frank McCormick.

Mr. Lacks discussed "What 4-H Means".

Benny Drinkard, Reporter

## Pamplin 5th Grade 4-H

The Pamplin 5th Grade 4-H met on October 10, 1969 at Pamplin School. At this first meeing we filled out enrollment cards, talked about the history of 4-H, National 4-H Week, and we elected officers: President, Randy Hipps; vice president, Kenneth Franklin; secretary, Beth Jones, reporter Cynthia Hix; Song leaders, Melinda McIntosh and Tom Hix.

The meeting was adjourned.

Cynthia Hix, Reporter


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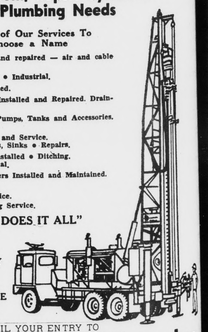

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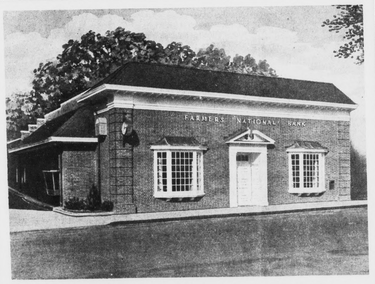


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Day by day, the years have passed away,
Since God called you all home.
There's an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone.
There's a light we cannot see.
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May we live and serve our Master,
Walk the straight and narrow way.
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Kneehole desk, Lots of Mirrors, 2 Electric heaters, lot of tables, 6 Dining Chairs, picture frames, clock, pie safe with glass doors, refrigerators, lamps, wood stove, wash stands, chest of drawers with mirrors, book case, trunks iron beds, pitcher and bowl set, chairs, table with ball and claw feet, scrap iron, air compresser, old buffet, rocking chairs, Cedar chest, utility cabinet, pots & pans, silverware, washing machine, tools, axes, push plows, Tarmac Cave For further information contact:

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

To Settle The Estate of the Late Mrs. Aubrey Doss, we are offering the following Real Estate and Personal Property at Public Auction:

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LOCATED approximately 1 1/2 miles from town of Appomattox, Virginia. Take route 460 east in Town, turn right on Route 635 when you leave town limits and follow auction signs.

THE FARM: 74 Acres more or less. Approximately one (1) acre pond. Good Fence. Approximately 1/2 cleared, rest in growing Timber. Approximately one (1) acre Tobacco allotment. One 7 room Dwelling with bath and one 3 room Cottage with bath. Both in good condition.

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This is truly a nice farm. Look it over before sale time and make plans to attend this valuable sale.

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For further information contact Douglas O. Doss, administrator Phone 352-8016, Appomattox, Va. or

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